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*Francis Marion University* **VIEW**

# Performing Arts Center



## Rendering to Reality

## Dear Alumni:

Much of the recent focus of this administration and the Francis Marion University's Board of Trustees has been on the Performing Arts Center in downtown Florence, new and improved academic buildings on our campus and new outreach programs. But in November, the board took another important step in the overall future development of our university and unanimously approved an \$8.5 million bond issue for construction of a new athletic complex on 60 acres on the west side of the campus.

We have had the property in hand for quite some time, and the complex has been in the planning stages for eight years. Construction will be completed in increments and financed through two primary sources: bonds secured by student activity fees, and private donations. The catalyst for the project was a very generous gift from the Sparrow family of Lake City.

Consequently, the baseball complex will be named the Henry Booker and Nellie Cooke Sparrow Baseball Stadium. It will seat approximately 1,800 people, with potential for growth that would accommodate another 1,000. It features enough paved parking for nearly 400 cars. The rest of the complex will include a soccer stadium with 800 seats and a softball field with 300 seats. The plans also call for a field house to be constructed in the near future. Hopefully, we'll be able to add a 5-6 acre lake to the complex.

This new addition will be an exciting and attractive complement to the most beautiful campus in the state. I can promise you that.

Sincerely,

Luther F. Carter  
President



Carter

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The cover boasts a contrast of a drawing of the FMU Performing Arts Center with the construction currently taking place and the final architectural rendering. The center will be ready for its first performance in the spring of 2011.

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# REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN *Florence*

For FMU, it's

*All About the Arts*

FMU's Performing Arts Center is ready to make its mark downtown along with the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation Library, the Florence Little Theatre and the new Florence Museum.



*Steel frame structure of the main stage*

As the steel rises and the granite and marble falls into place, Laura Sims, inaugural director of the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center, is hard at work planning for the future. If all goes as planned, the center will be ready for its first performance in the spring of 2011.



*Florence Little Theatre*



*Library*

Designed to address the cultural needs of the community, the FMU Performing Arts Center will offer a blend of performances by local arts groups as well as national and regional touring attractions. The center will also become part of the infrastructure that the city needs to attract both people and investment as in the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation Library, the Florence Little Theatre and the new Florence Museum.

From making her way across the Pee Dee region speaking to approximately 50 civic organizations about the facility to developing policies, procedures and rates for space rental and utilization, Sims has wasted no time getting involved. In fact, she is in the process of booking the center's first act to perform during the grand opening.

"I am delighted to be a part of the Francis Marion University

community," said Sims. "Visual and performing arts were a rich and vital part of the university experience long before I arrived, and the addition of the performing arts center exemplifies the university's commitment to outstanding art education. This wonderful, state-of-the-art facility will be home to an enhanced program of study and performance. Most important, it ensures that generations of young theatre artists will be prepared for the rigors of professional work and graduate study by providing the



*FMU Theatre production of Buried Child*



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Architect's rendering of the main stage of the Performing Arts Center

high-quality, disciplined experience necessary for this exceptionally rewarding and highly competitive field."

Sims certainly has the academic and professional credentials to ensure the center is a success. She has more than fifteen years of experience in theater management, with the past seven years as the production manager at the Clarence Brown Theatre in Knoxville, Tenn. She earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in stage management from the University of Missouri (Kansas City) and a bachelor's degree in theater from Auburn University. She was also an arts administration fellow for the National Endowment of the Arts.

"I just want to say I'm so happy to be here, finally," Sims said. "I'm very excited about the construction of this building, and I can't



Architect's rendering of the lobby



## **BB&T Amphitheater**

The addition of the amphitheater to the Performing Arts Center has been made possible through a \$325,000 donation from BB&T and will be located on the Palmetto Street side of the property. Steps lead down to a semicircular seating area that can accommodate about 300 people while an upper area can accommodate around 200 people. Concrete pavers cover the floor area of the seating, allowing grass to grow through them. A small stage is at the end of the amphitheater near the academic wing, and the rest of the amphitheater is surrounded by beautiful trees.



## **The Beverly Hazelwood and Starr Ward Garden Courtyard**

The courtyard, located behind the academic wing, has been made possible through a generous donation by Adele Kassab. Access will be possible from the lobby area and academic wing, as well as from exterior entrances. Benches, sculptures, and a water feature will provide the setting for preshow and intermission gatherings, and foliage will allow privacy for small events.

wait until it is completed and bustling with activity. I envision the FMU Performing Arts Center as a place where the people of the Pee Dee region, a diverse background of cultures, ethnicities, and economic means, are always made to feel welcome."

Sims also will collaborate with FMU arts faculty and with community arts groups to facilitate the needs of FMU arts programs, the city of Florence and the surrounding region. Sims said she hopes to help with some of the theatre program classes.



# REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN Florence

## Fitness Forum

The oldest and most important structures of ancient Rome were located in the forum. The same could be said for the Fitness Forum, which is located in the gym of the former McClenaghan High School built in 1921.

The Fitness Forum has been housed there since 1984. Carolinas Hospital System initially owned it, but owner and president Karen Leatherman ('80) purchased the building in 2006.

Her aim from day one of ownership has been to help downtown Florence get in shape by expanding its services, updating its exercise equipment and renovating the building's exterior.

"I knew that in order to make the next move, we needed to renovate," she said. The Fitness Forum is committed to its location, Leatherman said.

"We saw that as a chance to be part of the excitement" in downtown Florence, she said.

The 45,000 square-foot center was enlarged, allowing Leatherman to redesign the layout with new lighting. Removing some racquetball courts opened up gym space and gave the center a brighter, friendlier atmosphere.

Exercise equipment was updated and the free-weight area now allows members to watch sports and news programs. Even the pro shop was upgraded to ensure members purchased the correct equipment.

The changes have helped boost membership. Leatherman said she invested in the center because new developments coming online are re-energizing the Florence downtown.

A full-service day spa opened in February 2008, offering hot-stone therapy, manicures, pedicures, facials and massages.

For her efforts to enhance the positive image of her business through service to her customers and community,



*Leatherman in front of spa*

Fitness Forum earned the 2009 Best of Florence Award in the Aerobic Dance & Exercise Classes category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

"I look forward to making a difference," said Leatherman, who added that she expects Florence to "explode" with growth in the coming years.



*Patron with Leatherman*

## Leatherman

Leatherman received her bachelor's degree in biology from FMU in 1980 and went on to complete her master's degree in exercise physiology from the University of South Carolina in 1982. She received the outstanding biology alumnus award from FMU in 2007. She has maintained a certification as an American College of Sports Medicine Exercise Specialist from 1986 to present and one as an American College of Sports Medicine Fitness Instructor from 1982 to present.

She has been the health maintenance services director for Carolinas Hospital System, vice-president of ancillary services, and vice president of community health and occupational medicine. Prior to her work for Carolinas, she was the health and wellness facility director for Bruce Hospital System.

## About a tea party

Old abandoned buildings as far as the eye could see were once the dominant sight along the downtown stretch of Dargan and Evans streets. Today, the area is abuzz with high-tech business proposals and tourism-savvy enterprises. At the epicenter of much of the fanfare are Francis Marion University alums who are taking an active role in the development of downtown Florence. From John and Laurie ('85) Crouse's bright pink Victorian-style Top-Hat-Special-Teas on Evans Street to the vacant lot on the corner of Cheves and Dargan streets that will one day house the new Florence Museum of Art, Science and History to be run by Andrew Stout ('03), downtown Florence is transforming.

Locals and visitors are discovering the hard-to-miss tearoom, Top-Hat Special-Teas, as they actively

participate in the revitalization of the main stretch of downtown. Crouse said ownership of the property is a dream come true.



## About FDDC

Yet another group working to revitalize and restore civic pride in downtown Florence is the Florence Downtown Development Corporation (FDDC). Founded in 2002, FDDC is a quasi-public organization and a South Carolina Main Street member.

The impetus for creating the FDDC evolved from recommendations outlined in the Downtown Master





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Plan and City-wide Structure Plan. Residents, dismayed by the state of downtown, made it a priority to prepare a master plan in order to revitalize the area.

"The downtown is so rich in history - the buildings down here are gorgeous," said Crouse, who grew up in Florence and owns the tearoom with her husband John. In the near future, she said, "You are going to see hopefully more little shops. But it's a process. It's not going to happen overnight."

## About a museum

In March, Florence County Council voted to accept nearly \$8 million in grants and spend nearly \$4 million in county funds to build a new Florence Museum of Art, Science and History.

"We've been working on this since 1924," museum Executive Director Andrew Stout said.

The museum was established in 1924 and has been in its building near Timrod Park since 1952. Council unanimously decided to accept and match the funding as well as buy land at the corner of Cheves and Dargan streets for the 30,000 square foot museum.

The city of Florence gave the county a six-month, \$200,000 option to buy the vacant land.

The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation is making a \$3.9 million grant toward the museum, and the state is providing an additional \$3.9 million. The county is matching \$3.9 million from its general



Andrew Stout, curator of the museum, has worked hard to enhance the educational opportunities available to the community through the museum.

fund balance, and the new museum facility will be built from the ground up.

The county has begun collecting a two percent hospitality tax on prepared food and beverages, which was designated to establish a cultural commission to help the museum identify matching funds for the new facility. The museum will be similar to the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation Library in that people will see the benefit to the community once it's completed, Stout said.

"It's all for the good of our children, our community," he said.

The Smithsonian Institution has contacted the museum regarding an exhibit for William H. Johnson, a renowned black artist born in Florence. The museum might be able to host the exhibit in 2014 if it can offer adequate space by having the new building.

"This would be an excellent exhibit to kick us off into the future," Stout said.

## About a business

And just what does the future look like for downtown Florence? Well, the owners and operators of S/W Printing Company say the future of Florence hinges on its current efforts to organize and implement plans to sustain and enhance downtown. They have hopes that Florence will be a place to create new investment opportunities while maintaining the charm of the authentic Historic District.

In 1932, S/W Printing Company began as Stricklin Printing in downtown Florence. For more than 70 years, the company has thrived in the same location by providing professional printing services, affordable pricing and dedicated service to all their customers. The company was acquired by Jim and Berta Wilde along with Phylis and Richard Snyder in 1990 and became S/W Printing.

Today, S/W Printing is owned by Steve and Susan Powers, who along with their son Jason ('04) and daughter-in-law Jennifer ('05), have continued the company's philosophy of providing customers with the highest quality professional printing services, all at an affordable price.

Jason and Jennifer said that as the new market potential draws in more businesses and job opportunities increase, residential development becomes attractive. Hence, downtown revitalization yields a positive return on the community's investment dollar.

"In short, encouraging downtown business growth is smart growth," said Jason.

In anticipation of the development of downtown over the last decade, S/W

Printing has continued to grow and expand its services. As the technology industry continues to develop, the company has fine-tuned its processes to provide customers the most current and up-to-date services with the same level of quality and customer service they have always provided.



Jennifer and Jason Powers continue to provide customers with the highest quality printing at an affordable price.



Stout discusses the historic references used by his favorite artist, Johnson.



# REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN Florence

## About downtown

Since 1993, Kenneth Barnes ('88) observed the transformation of downtown Florence from the window of his third floor office building where he works as a representative for Congressman Jim Clyburn. Prior to that, he viewed the change as an employee of Simon's Formal Wear from 1980-1985 and Royal Knight Formal Wear from 1985-1993. After having spent his entire adult life working in the downtown area, this alum said there is hope for revitalization.



*Barnes in his Florence office*

Barnes recalls a thriving downtown in the '80s, which was home to dozens of boutiques, shops and restaurants. During the '90s, after the mall was built, there was a definite migration to the west of town, Barnes said. Since that time, city and county officials have taken steps toward rebuilding downtown, he added.

"A reverberation of excitement and growth is stretching across downtown as several big projects move closer to reality," Barnes said. "The smaller, though relevant pieces of the city transformation, such as new stores, restaurants and residents, are fueling a more gentle boom in the downtown area."

The stimuli for the "smaller activity" are the large developments: Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center, Florence Little Theatre, Drs. Bruce & Lee Library and the Florence County Museum.

The increased interest by retailers as well as plans for more residential projects is creating excitement and solidifying some crucial steps toward building the vibrant and thriving downtown that we once enjoyed, he said.

"The retail side is really an important side of the continuation of growth of the city, particularly from the residential base," said Barnes.

And, the cultural corridor is definitely going to change Florence and surrounding areas, he added.

"I do feel like the cultural district will change the face of the downtown. It is just a slow process," Barnes said. "As I look through this window in the next five years, I expect that our downtown will be making its comeback, having survived fierce competition from malls and shopping centers."

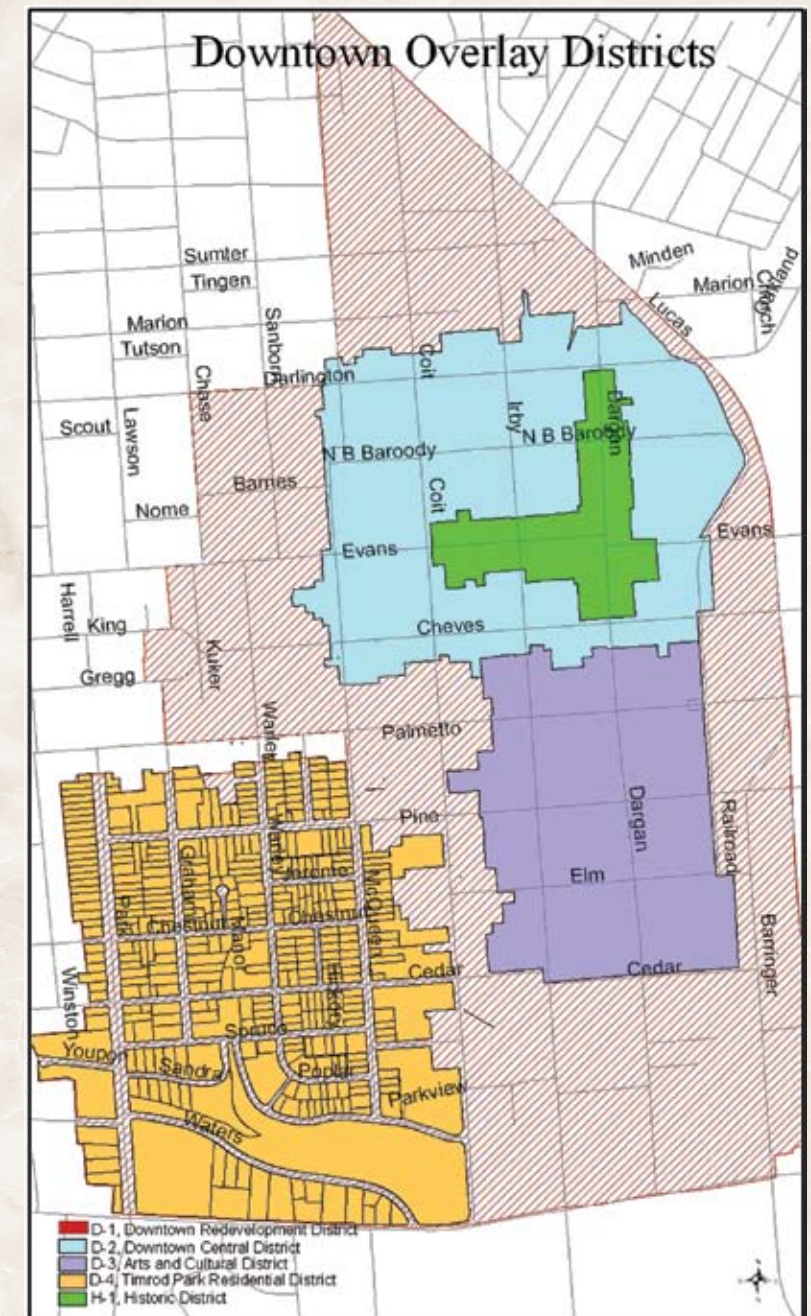
Some time ago, the stakeholders who desired the prosperous, attractive, and vital city center that downtown once was, set out to put their visions on paper. Led by the Florence 2010 Committee and Pee Dee Visions Foundation Inc., numerous public involvement activities occurred in order to produce Florence 2010. This report outlines the initial strategy for revitalizing the civic, cultural, and economic life of downtown Florence. To this end, the plan recommended revitalization efforts be coordinated through a non-profit organization, which became FDDC.

In 2006 with the help of Hunter Interests Inc., a master plan was completed and bound into a three-phase document titled the Downtown Florence Revitalization Strategy. This strategy, a continuation of the Downtown Master Plan, includes project feasibility studies, market data, and suggests redevelopment projects that would further the revitalization effort. In addition, it also contains recommendations of more than \$180 million worth of new private sector projects ranging from mixed use development to lodging facilities and eating establishments.

Therefore, FDDC's effort to revitalize the area involves administering the Revitalization Strategy and organizing and/or implementing projects outlined in the strategy such as:

- Property acquisition
- Design guidelines
- Streetscape improvement
- Historic preservation
- Public-private partnerships
- Economic incentive programs
- Property development facilitation
- Community rebuilding

The Downtown Redevelopment District was originally a seventy square block area encompassing some 500 acres in the heart of the city of Florence. Recently the Timrod Park Overlay District was added to aid in stabilizing a residential



*The Downtown Redevelopment District is the focus of the FDDC and is comprised of five overlay districts including the Redevelopment District (D-1), Central District (D-2), Arts and Cultural District (D-3), Timrod Park Residential District (D-4), and the Historic District (H-1).*

district historically significant to the downtown. This is a pilot project that was requested by the Timrod Park Neighborhood Association.





Phillips signing her book for students

Four nationally known and bestselling authors and poets and their avid readers descended upon the university Nov. 5-7 at the fourth annual Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival.

The three day festival celebrated and promoted literature and reading with renowned authors Dorothy Allison, Joseph Millar, Jayne Anne Phillips and Natasha Trethewey. Readings, lectures and panel discussions took place with programs for mature audiences. A number of fiction topics were covered along with opportunities for book signings. In addition, attendees saw screenings of the films *Bastard Out of Carolina* and *Cavedweller*, based on novels by Allison.

“The event offered dynamic and personal interaction between readers and authors as they shared the joy of reading,” said FMU English Professor Ed Eleazer, who organized the event along with a committee consisting of a number of faculty members from the English Department.

## Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival held Nov. 5-7



Millar and Phillips during discussion

### About the authors

A Greenville native, **Dorothy Allison** is a prolific writer. Her novel, *Bastard Out of Carolina*, which has a strong and public autobiographical element, was published in 1992 and was an immediate success. It was a National Book Award finalist, received much positive criticism and became a national bestseller. Angelica Houston made the book into a movie. Allison’s second novel, *Cavedweller* (1998), also received critical acclaim and was made into a feature film.

Allison began writing seriously in the early 1980s. She published poetry and short stories, many of which dealt with sexuality and sometimes shocking issues of abuse. Her 1983 poetry collection, *The Women Who Hate Me*, angered mainstream feminists in its praise of sexual promiscuity and sadomasochism. Despite the controversy her work generated, she has established herself as a writer. Her success was solidified when her 1989 short

story collection, *Trash*, won the Lambda Literary awards for best small press book and best lesbian book.

She has also written a collection of essays titled, *Skin: Talking about Sex, Class and Literature* (1994) and *Two or Three Things I Know for Sure* (1995), a memoir of her family that included photographs. Allison currently lives with her partner and their adopted son in California.

**Joseph Millar** is an American poet raised in Pennsylvania. After spending most of his adult life in the San Francisco area working as a telephone installation foreman and commercial fisherman, he decided to try his hand at teaching, and eventually writing.

His writing includes two books of poetry, *Overtime* (2001), a finalist for the Oregon Book Award, and *Fortune* (2006), as well as two chapbooks, “Slow Dancer,” Cherry Valley Editions (1992) and “Nightbound,” Idaho Review Press (2009). His work has appeared in many magazines and journals, including *The Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Ploughshares*, *Poetry International*, *Prairie Schooner*, *The Southern Review*, *TriQuarterly*, *New Letters* and *Shenandoah*.

In 2002, Millar was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, and in 2008 his work won a Pushcart Prize. He has also been the recipient of grants from the Montalvo Center for the Arts and from Oregon Literary Arts.

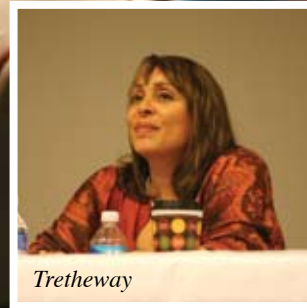
Millar received the master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1970. He has taught at Mount Hood Community College, the Vancouver School of Arts, Oregon State University, and now teaches in the Master of Fine Arts in Writing program at Pacific University. He is married to poet Dorianne Laux; they live in Raleigh, N.C.

**Jayne Anne Phillips** was born and raised in West Virginia. Her first book of stories, *Black Tickets*, published in 1979, won the prestigious Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction awarded by the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

*Machine Dreams*, her first novel, published in 1984, observes one American family from the turn of the



Allison



Tretheway

century through the Vietnam War. A New York Times best seller, *Machine Dreams* was nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award and chosen by the New York Times Book Review as one of 12 Best Books of the Year.

Her book of stories, *Fast Lanes* (1987), was praised in the *LA Times* as “stories that hover on the edge of poetry.” *Shelter*, her 1994 novel, a haunting, suspenseful evocation of childhood rite-of-passage, was awarded an Academy Award in Literature and chosen one of the Best Books of the Year by Publishers Weekly. Her latest novel, *MotherKind*, published by Knopf in May 2000, examines timeless questions of birth and death.

Poet **Natasha Trethewey** was born in Gulfport, Miss. Her first poetry collection, *Domestic Work* (2000), won the inaugural 1999 Cave Canem poetry prize (selected by Rita Dove), a 2001 Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Book Prize, and the 2001 Lillian Smith Award for Poetry. Her second collection, *Bellocq’s Ophelia* (2002), received the 2003 Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Book Prize, was a finalist for both the Academy of American Poets’ James Laughlin and Lenore Marshall prizes, and was named a 2003 Notable Book by the American Library Association. Her most recent collection is *Native Guard* (2006), for which she won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

Her work has appeared in several volumes of *Best American Poetry*, and in journals such as *Agni*, *American Poetry Review*, *Callaloo*, *Gettysburg Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *New England Review* and *The Southern Review*, among others.

She has a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Georgia, the master’s in English and creative writing from Hollins University, and the Master of Fine Arts in poetry from the University of Massachusetts. She is the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Bunting Fellowship Program of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, and the National Endowment for the Arts.



# International Program celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> year and signs new agreement

What began a decade ago as a small student exchange between Francis Marion University and the University of Basel in Switzerland has grown into a multi-disciplinary, study abroad program in which students have explored the politics and economy of Europe, Latin America, or the Middle East.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the FMU International Program which offers a variety of opportunities for students to experience cultures different from their own. These programs include international exchange, summer language and cultural programs and travel courses. By participating, students are able to experience another culture and earn credit toward their academic degrees.

In an increasingly globalized society, gaining an international perspective expands students' perception of other cultures, especially in today's worldwide economic environment, said FMU President Luther F. Carter.

International exchange should not be seen as an add-on, but as a must, he added.

"Studying abroad is the first international travel experience for many of our students but is rarely the last. If students travel now, they will continue to travel throughout their lives," said Carter. "It gives our students in-depth exposure to other cultures in a way that might not otherwise be possible."

At the helm of those efforts is Jeannette Myers, associate professor of astronomy and coordinator of international programs. She said students can expect even greater things in the years to come.

"For the year 2009-2010, our goal is to see more students from the university take part in these experiences and have more international students attending a semester exchange here," said Myers. "Entering our tenth year, we are excited to see the number of programs in which our students can participate and grow."

Currently, FMU participates in exchanges in Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, and Mexico. Students selected for an exchange program must have completed a minimum of 30 academic hours and have a GPA of 3.0. Each program has a faculty member who serves as a liaison.

The liaisons for each are: Physics Professor R. Seth Smith, University of Northern British Columbia in Canada; Associate

Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies J. Mark Blackwell, De Montfort University in England; Associate Professor of French Elizabeth Zahnd, Université de Caen Basse-Normandie in France; Professor of German George Harding, Universität Trier in Germany; Myers, Fachhochschule Schmalkalden – University of Applied Sciences in Germany; Associate Professor of English Rebecca Flannagan, National University of Ireland – Maynooth; and Assistant Professor of Spanish Kristin Kiely, Universidad Internacional in Mexico.

The exchange agreements enable FMU students to study abroad and pay tuition and required fees at FMU. International students pay fees on their home campus. The only other costs are for transportation to the host country, housing and meals. The same is true for international students coming to study at FMU.

Course credits taken at the international university are transferable to FMU and will count toward graduation. International students taking classes at FMU can transfer the credits to their home institution. A new agreement with the ESCM School of Business and Management in France was recently added to the program.

"The effectiveness of these partnerships depends on their role as platforms for deep, cumulative learning, research, and engagement, so that new experiences build on previous ones, students participate in a variety of courses and co-curricular activities, and faculty collaborate across national boundaries," said FMU Provost Richard Chapman. The result is an integrated set of activities that cuts across both institutions, enhances the capacity of each for international work, and is sustained over a long period, he added.

Flannagan, who has been with the university since 1995, said Carter has been a champion for internationalizing the university since he came aboard in 1999. "He has forged opportunities for faculty members to apply their expert knowledge on pressing global problems, while promoting opportunities for students to benefit from international educational experiences," said Flannagan.

Also offered is a summer program in which FMU students can participate at a cost paid to the host institution. Credits earned during these programs are transferred to FMU.

At the Fachhochschule Schmalkalden – University of Applied Sciences, Schmalkalden, Germany, students can participate in two programs during June and July.

- International Summer School in Business Administration, Management and Economics
- Summer Program in German Language and Culture

At the Universidad Internacional in Cuernavaca, Mexico, students can participate in one program during late May.

- Spanish Language and Cultural Program

During each school year, courses are organized by members of the FMU faculty that include travel through a foreign country (ies). Students participating in these courses pay fees to the program, attend class lectures before and during the program, and earn up to three credit hours. Programs vary from year to year and have included:

- Tropical Field Biology – with travel to Costa Rica
- Field Studies in Geography – with travel to Costa Rica
- Pfalz-Akademie – with travel in Germany from Lambrecht to Berlin
- Southeast Asia – with travel through Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam





## FMU receives coveted National Science Foundation MRI grant



Dineley



Eaton



Malaiyandi

The National Science Foundation announced the award of a grant in the amount of \$124,616 to Francis Marion University to support the work of Tim Shannon and Kirk E. Dineley, associate professors of biology, and Erin Eaton and Latha M. Malaiyandi, assistant professors of biology. The title of their research project is “MRI: Acquisition of centrifugation, refrigeration, and sterilizing equipment to enhance the research program for faculty and undergraduate students at Francis Marion University.”

The Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) program serves to increase access to shared scientific and engineering instruments for research and training, improve the quality and expand the scope of research in science and engineering.

“The fact that we received this grant speaks volumes about the quality of the professors’ research,” said FMU Provost Richard Chapman. “The university is working to enhance its science programs and the experiences students have here. We want to improve the facilities that support science instruction and research, and the acquisition of this equipment represents an important step in that process.”

The core suite of tools funded by the grant allows the team of scientists working at the molecular level to expand their body of research and produce publishable results. Researchers require these major instruments to support and improve their research capacities. The instruments consist of an ultracentrifuge, a water purification system capable of producing ultrapure water, an 86 degree freezer, and CO2 incubators necessary to provide the correct environment to produce the necessary cell cultures. Additionally, the availability of this equipment will have an impact on the undergraduate research program in three significant ways: enhance independent student research projects, promote faculty research programs and increase opportunities for future external funding, and improve and expand the department’s ability to train students in modern scientific methods.

“This project ushers opportunities for undergraduate research, curriculum and course development,” said Shannon. “The institution has developed approaches to engage and retain students early in their studies. The instrumentation strengthens this endeavor.”

An even greater impact of this project for the community is its role in economic development, said Shannon.

As FMU serves as a resource for economic development, it is tightly linked with business and industry in the region and houses the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA), the main economic development hub for the nine-county Pee Dee region occupying the northeast corner of South Carolina.

A successful MRI program will enhance the likelihood of deeper understanding of science concepts such that students will be able to successfully attend graduate school or move immediately into positions with industries in the region, he said.

“As the research initiatives in biology are increasingly supported and become more widely known, there is an increased likelihood for greater collaboration with biology intensive industry,” said Shannon. “Availability of personnel with quality research experiences as part of their undergraduate work will, in turn, assist economic developers with attracting firms to the area.”

- Kirk E. Dineley joined FMU in 2003. He earned the B.S. degree in biology from Pennsylvania State University and the Ph.D. degree in molecular pharmacology from the University of Pittsburgh.
- Erin M. Eaton of Charleston joined the FMU faculty in 2006. She received the B.S. degree (cum laude) in biological sciences from the University of South Carolina, and the Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University.
- Latha M. Malaiyandi of came to FMU in 2006. She earned the B.A. degree in molecular and cell biology/biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and the Ph.D. degree in molecular pharmacology from the University of Pittsburgh.
- Timothy E. Shannon joined the faculty in 1999. He earned the Ph.D. degree in molecular and cellular biology from Ohio University in 1998, after earlier receiving both the B.S. and M.S. degrees from Western Kentucky University.



Shannon with student



## Festivals unite

Art’s Alive and the Pee Dee International Festival have been recognized as premier events that showcase talent. This year, these two notable events will merged to form one comprehensive event.

The new festival, Arts International, features the best from Art’s Alive and the Pee Dee International Festival. Arts International will take place for the first time on April 24, 2010, at Francis Marion University. Since both events are hosted by FMU and serve a parallel purpose in the community, organizers say the two are an ideal fit.

“We are excited about the fusion of the two festivals as it reflects our shared passion and commitment to promote increased access to the arts and contribute to the development of cultural appreciation near and far,” said Libby Cooper, FMU’s Art’s Alive committee chair. “I think both organizational committees see this as an opportunity to do more than either of us could do alone.”

Joan Billheimer, Pee Dee International Festival committee chair, said the festival will remain a destination event, attracting visitors and participants from throughout the Pee Dee region. In fact, Billheimer said the merger offers an opportunity to enhance the quality of the festival.

“This really is a win-win situation,” said Billheimer. “With the greater scale and resources of the combined festivals, we will be in a much stronger position to deliver on our promise of bringing the best in cultural, performing and visual arts. And, as always, we want to showcase the diversity of our area’s growing international community.”

Art’s Alive, generally held in April, was an all-day festival of performing and visual arts that has been held on the campus of FMU for 32 years. The festival featured a wide variety of dance, music, theatrical performances, and song. Performances were scheduled on five stages (indoors and outdoors) with events changing hourly. In the visual arts, the emphasis was on demonstration of the creative process. The Art’s Alive Show was a one-day exhibition and sales event designed to promote the quality of diverse artisans residing in the region. Artists specializing in jewelry, clay, photography, and more were on hand.

The Pee Dee International Festival, held in October, was a celebration of culture to foster a better understanding of those represented in the Pee Dee and increase appreciation for the global community. The event featured music, dance, food booths, cultural displays and games for children.





## IT Department earns Technology Award

Francis Marion University's Information Technology Team recently received the 2009 Innovation in Technology Award by the South Carolina Information Technology Directors Association (SCITDA).

Howard Brown, director of user services; Matthew Cantrell, director of network operations and services; Teresa McDuffie, network specialist; Robin Moore, director of campus applications and data services; and Kevin Torgersen, network administrator were presented the award during SCITDA's Annual Conference in Columbia.

The team award is designed to recognize excellence in collaborative and innovative technology-based projects. From email to server enhancements to partnering with Google to provide students with FMU-branded Google applications, the IT team has worked to establish a technology environment that challenges innovation, growth and service to its computing community while laying a foundation that can support emerging technologies and encourage pursuit of the same, said John Dixon, FMU's chief information officer.

- Brown began his career at FMU in 1998, immediately after earning a bachelor's degree from FMU.
- Cantrell joined the FMU staff in 2007. He earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Clemson University. He completed his undergraduate work in architectural design in 1999 and his graduate work in computer science in 2002.
- McDuffie joined the FMU staff in 1998. She is a 1988 graduate of South Carolina State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering technology.
- Moore began working at FMU in 1987 and is a 1981 graduate of Francis Marion University.



From left: Brown, Torgersen, McDuffie, Cantrell and Moore

- Torgersen came to FMU in 2007. He earned an associate's degree in computer science from Spartanburg Methodist College and a bachelor's degree in information management and systems from the University of South Carolina Upstate in 2005.

SCITDA, originally formed in 1978 as the South Carolina Association of Data Processing Directors (SCADPD), serves as a forum for the exchange of information pertinent to the management of state IT facilities while also providing a consolidation of experience, knowledge and interest in improvement of IT administration and management. Since its inception, the association has grown from a handful of people to an organization that includes most state agencies, colleges and universities.

## FMU ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*

Francis Marion University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the south's top 100 master's level universities for the ninth year in a row.

"We are pleased to once again be selected as one of the best master's level universities," said FMU President Luther F. Carter.

The rankings were published in the magazine's book America's Best Colleges, 2010 Edition, released in August.

FMU is classified by the magazine as a regional university, an institution that offers a wide selection of undergraduate programs and master's degrees, but few, if any, doctoral programs. FMU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 49 areas of study.

FMU is among schools that are classified as master's level institutions under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the grouping system that *U.S. News* uses as the basis for its ranking categories. There are 572 universities

in the master's level category, ranked within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest and West—because they generally draw students heavily from surrounding states.

The method that *U.S. News* uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are categorized primarily by mission and in some cases, region, using data in 15 indicators of academic excellence. The indicators used to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: academic reputation through peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation performance. The ranking formula gives greatest weight to academic reputation.

"These rankings arrive on the heels of remarkable growth and accomplishment at the university in nearly every category," Carter said.

## FMU president welcomes faculty, announces fall enrollment

FMU President Luther F. Carter welcomed new and returning members of the faculty at a ceremony held recently.

He began his address by commending the campus community for its hard work in the midst of a series of state funding reductions in the previous academic year. Carter also assured the faculty that the security of their positions would be a priority of the university in the current year.

"I believe that it's my responsibility to be innovative enough to absorb cuts without jeopardizing your jobs or salaries," Carter said. "I will make you a promise. If we are ever obligated to furlough or layoff an employee for economic reasons, I'll be the first to go."

In his address, Carter also praised the enrollment management and admissions staff, led by Kenneth Kitts, FMU associate provost for academic affairs and enrollment management, and James Schlimmer, FMU director of admissions, for the extraordinary recruitment efforts that have resulted in a projected student enrollment increase of more than seven percent.

University officials project a record high overall enrollment of 4,231 students for the fall. This year's freshman class of 784 students represents a 15 percent increase from last year. Carter credited a significant portion of the seven percent rise in student enrollment over last year to the quality of FMU faculty and academic programs.

To accommodate this growth, FMU Provost Richard Chapman and department chairpersons introduced 10 new faculty members for the 2009-2010 school year.

"Francis Marion's success in attracting and retaining students can be attributed to our exceptional faculty, our outstanding academic programs, and the diversity and intellectual excitement of our academic community," Carter said.

In conclusion, he praised faculty for establishing what he calls one of the most effective systems of shared governance in the state.

For a detailed list of new faculty and their positions, visit the website at [www.fmarion.edu/news](http://www.fmarion.edu/news).

## Durant named dean of FMU's Rogers Library

After a successful year and a half assignment as interim dean of James A. Rogers Library, Joyce M. Durant has been promoted to dean, effective Jan. 1.

"Joyce is a remarkable leader and a superb librarian. She enjoys the support and respect of the entire university community and will do an extraordinary job as dean," said President Fred Carter. "I am delighted to promote her to this position."

The Marion native has been employed with FMU since she graduated from the institution in 1973. After earning a Bachelor of Science in business administration, Durant began working as a clerk-stenographer in the library's reference department. In 1974, she transferred to the acquisitions department and within six months was promoted to library technical assistant III. When the acquisitions librarian retired in 1980, Durant became second

in charge of the department.

Three years later, the acquisitions librarian was promoted to director of the library and Durant was appointed coordinator of acquisitions.

In 1988, she earned a master's degree from the University of South Carolina and was promoted to acquisitions librarian. In 2006, she was promoted to professor of library science. At the retirement of Paul Dove in 2008, Durant was named interim dean of the library.



Durant

## Tenure and promotion of faculty

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced tenure and promotion of faculty members for the 2009-10 academic year.

Receiving a promotion to professor is: Bill D. Whitmire, mathematics.

Receiving promotions to associate professor are: Craig C. Alberty, music; Shirley C. Bausmith, education; J. Mark Blackwell, philosophy and religious studies; Kirk E. Dineley, biology; Jo Angela Edwins, English; Jane E. Gower, mathematics; Michael P. Hughes, finance; Jacqueline C. Jones, English; Abigail M. Kiker, theatre and costume design; Meredith A. Love-Steinmetz, English; Jeannette M. Myers,

astronomy; Gregory S. Pryor, biology; Kristofoland Varazo, chemistry; and T. Alissa Wartens, political science.

Earning continuous tenure (without a time limit) are: Shirley C. Bausmith, education; J. Mark Blackwell, English; Kirk E. Dineley, biology; Jo Angela Edwins, English; Bryan L. Fisher, mass communication; Howard J. Frye, fine arts; Michael P. Hughes, business; Abigail M. Kiker, fine arts; Meredith A. Love-Steinmetz, English; Janis McWayne, education; Ronald T. Murphy Jr., psychology; Jeannette M. Myers, physics; Gregory S. Pryor, biology; David A. Sacash, mass communication; Yong B. Shin, business; Kristofoland Varazo, chemistry; T. Alissa Wartens, political science.



## Cantey and Pickett named FMU's 2009 Outstanding Employees

Angela Cantey of Mullins and John Pickett of Florence have been named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented during the staff awards luncheon, which also honored FMU employees for length of state service.

Cantey is an administrative assistant for the Department of Biology and Pickett is an estate groundskeeper for grounds maintenance.

Cantey has been employed at FMU for 22 years and Pickett for 14 years. They both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service above and beyond the call of duty. FMU President Fred Carter presented Cantey and Pickett with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for FMU employees. Florence Mayor Steven Wukela was the guest speaker.

Kenneth J. Pittman of Florence, police lieutenant; and Marion L. Webb of Florence, athletic trainer, were cited for 30 years of state service.

Employees honored for 20 years of service include: Dean W. Blackburn of Hartsville, coordinator of the university center; Brenda B. Calcutt of Pamplico, senior library technical assistant for reference; Carl E. Capps Jr., of Quinby, psychology lab manager; Rebecca M. Culbertson of Florence, coordinator of benefits; Judy B. Gasque of Florence, help desk coordinator; Diana L. Gibson of Florence, administrative associate in the School of Education; Elizabeth B. Jackson of Florence, senior cook; Thomas W. Lewis of Florence, craftsman supervisor/locksmith; Mitchell Pressley of Florence, superintendent of custodial services; Damon L. Runion of Lake City, supervisor of academic and support buildings/zone maintenance; and Christina M. Scott of Florence, senior cook.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: Marion L. Atkinson of Marion, special trades supervisor; Howard V. Brown Jr., of Florence, director of user services; Randolph Brown of Florence, maintenance assistant; Dominic J. Davis of Darlington, senior library technical



From left: Pickett, Carter and Cantey

assistant/electronic services officer; Arthur H. Inabinet of Florence, men's baseball coach; H. Phillip Lynch of Florence, estate groundskeeper; Mary A. Mabe-Kulesa of Florence, administrative associate in the School of Education; H. Jane Madden of Florence, director of grants development program; Clarethia M. McCall of Florence, custodian; Janet M. Pearson of Lane, senior library technical assistant for acquisitions; Cecilia U. Smith of Florence, coordinator of student health services; Janice S. Smith of Darlington, administrative assistant for career development; J. Keith Stapleton of Latta, police officer; Cheryl R. Tuttle of Florence, director of housing; and Ronnie Woodberry of Pamplico, custodian.

Eight employees who are retiring from FMU were also recognized – Frank A. Braddock of Effingham, director of facilities services; Robert B. Brown of Marion, estate groundskeeper; Elizabeth I. Cooper of Florence, vice president for public and community affairs; Ronald P. Flowers of Hartsville, director of purchasing; H. Phillip Lynch of Florence, estate groundskeeper; Ronlena A. McClester of Florence, administrative assistant for student affairs; Melvin T. Roberts of Florence, supervisor of custodial services; and Patsy J. Sauls of Florence, servers and systems specialist.

## FMU hosts symposium on civil rights legacy of Gov. McNair

Noted South Carolina historian and ETV radio personality Walter Edgar recently headlined at Francis Marion University's first McNair Center Symposium.

The two day symposium, which analyzed the role of the former governor in the civil rights movement, was sponsored by the Robert E. McNair Center for History and Government located on the FMU campus.

"With its focus on teaching, research and outreach, the center provided an ideal platform for the symposium. We were honored to recognize the contributions of this highly respected and truly extraordinary leader," said FMU President Fred Carter.

Organizers of the symposium and co-directors of the Robert E. McNair Center for Government and History Scott Kaufman and Alissa Wartens said the focus of the civil rights symposium was two-fold: leadership and education.

### About the keynote:

Walter Edgar was born and reared in Mobile, Ala. He received his A.B. degree from Davidson College and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of South Carolina. After serving two years in the U.S. Army—including a tour with an advisory team in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam—he returned to USC as a Post-Doctoral Fellow of the National Historical Publications Commission. In 1972, at the conclusion of the fellowship, he joined the History Department at USC and by 1982 was a full professor. He was the founder and first director of the History

Department's acclaimed Public History program. In 1980, Edgar was named the director of the Institute for Southern Studies.

Since 2000, he has been the host of two popular weekly programs heard statewide on South Carolina ETV-Radio: "Walter Edgar's Journal," a look at contemporary events in context, and "Southern Read," his reading of some of the best contemporary Southern fiction. In addition, he responds to numerous requests from local, regional, national, and international media for commentary on the state and region.

Edgar is the holder of three named professorships: the Claude Henry Neuffer Professor of Southern Studies, the George Washington Distinguished Professor of History and the Louise Fry Scudder Professor of Liberal Arts.



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## Elmore named fellow



Elmore

Elmore & Wall is pleased to announce that co-founding shareholder L. Franklin "Frank" Elmore ('73) of the firm's Greenville office has been invited to become a fellow in The American College of Construction Lawyers. Upon induction at the college's Annual Meeting in San Diego in February 2010, Elmore will become one of only two Fellows of the College in South Carolina.

The American College of Construction Lawyers is one of the premier legal associations in America. Founded in 1990, the college is comprised of the top 1 percent of the construction bar

in the United States and also includes lawyers and judges from Canada, Britain, and France numbering less than 200 lawyers. Fellowship is extended only by invitation to those lawyers and judges who, after careful investigation, are found to have mastered the practice or the teaching of construction law and dispute resolution in the highly complex technical and legal fields pertaining to the built environment, and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality. The college provides a professional forum for its fellows to explore and analyze complex legal and industry issues arising nationally and internationally.

The college's professional meetings, educational programs and publications seek to bring together America's most outstanding construction law and industry experts to address the legal and technical implications of problems facing the design and construction of the built environment around the world.



## Scholarship established in memory of Marion High School student

### Jonathan Chase Lee



The Jonathan Chase Lee Scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by his parents, David and Shana Lee; brother, Brent Lee; paternal grandparents, Robert and Georgia Lee; maternal grandparents, Bill and Kaye Singleton; and uncle, Stephen Singleton.

The scholarship was established to honor the memory of Lee, a senior from Marion High School, who drowned in the Little Pee Dee River on May 22, 2009. Since Lee was planning to attend FMU, his family thought it fitting to establish a scholarship at the university in his honor.

"The university community is honored to have Chase's family pay tribute to his memory in this way," said Jay Dowd, executive director of the FMU Foundation and vice president for development. "It has been a distinct pleasure working with them to establish this scholarship."

Lee attended Marion High School and developed a reputation for being a dependable and well-liked student. He had completed all of his requirements for graduation and was awarded the Life Scholarship to attend FMU. Lee's mother Shana, who is a 2007 graduate of the nursing program at FMU, said he was excited about attending FMU next fall.

The Jonathan Chase Lee Scholarship will benefit a student of Marion High School who is also a resident of Marion and demonstrates financial need.

*Contributions can be made to any and all scholarship funds at any time. Make checks payable to the FMU Foundation, P.O. Box 100547, Florence, S.C. 29502-0547.*

## ScienceSouth joins FMU Non-Profit Consortium

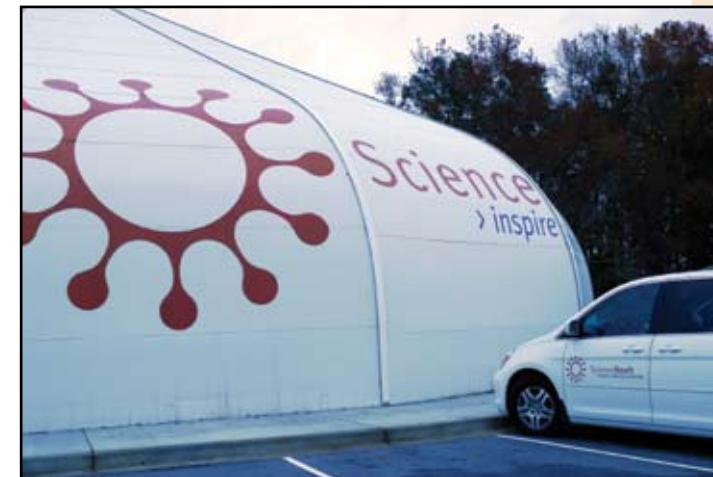
ScienceSouth, a non-profit educational project dedicated to advancing the public understanding of science and technology, has joined the Francis Marion University Non-Profit Consortium.

The consortium is the central coordinating and support organization for a highly regarded cluster of non-profit organizations sharing common goals and interests of the university.

"ScienceSouth's mission is to bring first-rate science education to the Pee Dee region through programs for students and professional development for teachers and parents. With Francis Marion's role as the hub of science and discovery in the Pee Dee region, we felt the collaboration of the institutions was a step in the right direction," said Jim O'Loughlin, chairman of ScienceSouth's operating board. "I think it's wonderful that we are coming together and we look forward to becoming a part of the consortium."

As part of the affiliation with FMU, O'Loughlin said ScienceSouth will have access to support services, faculty resources for program development, and quality assessment and expansion in the areas of math, technology and teacher re-certification.

"The university is pleased that we've entered into this partnership with ScienceSouth. For the past decade, their staff has worked diligently to deliver a qualitative and sustainable science curriculum across the Pee Dee," said FMU President Fred Carter. "I would anticipate that our scientific faculty will collaborate with them in expanding and enhancing these outreach efforts."



*ScienceSouth building*

Carter has appointed FMU Assistant Provost and Director of Graduate Programs Travis Knowles, liaison to ScienceSouth. Knowles is a member of the ScienceSouth operating board.

Established in 2000 by a group of educators and business leaders seeking to address the science and technology education gap, ScienceSouth has worked to advance scientific understanding and increase the competitiveness of future generations. ScienceSouth launched outreach programming in 2003. Since that time, its programs have expanded to include ScienceSouth's Summer Science Challenge Camps, live science shows, and Science on Wheels outreach programs.

On March 28, 2008, ScienceSouth opened its Pavilion at 1511 Freedom Boulevard in Florence. The Pavilion allows tourists and members of the community to take part in hands-on science workshops.

### Members of FMU's Non-Profit Consortium:

- ❖ Francis Marion University Educational Foundation: The FMUEF was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund to promote the educational purpose and welfare of FMU. For information, call 843-661-1295.
- ❖ Francis Marion Trail Commission: The FMTC works to establish a heritage trail across the Pee Dee and Lowcountry in honor of Gen. Francis Marion of Revolutionary War fame. The first trail of its kind in the Pee Dee will be included in the state's Trail System. For information, call 843-661-1847.
- ❖ North Eastern Strategic Alliance: NESAs was formed in 2000 to promote the joint development of the historic Pee Dee and Waccamaw regions of South Carolina. The alliance promotes

- public and private partnerships in coordinating, planning and sharing resources from Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg counties. For information, call 843-661-4669.
- ❖ Pee Dee Land Trust: The PDLT is an organization that enables a land owner to voluntarily and permanently protect his or her land for its natural beauty and function, its agricultural productivity and/or its historical significance through donations of land or donations of easements on privately owned land. The trust works in eight counties that border the Great Pee Dee River: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg. For information, call 843-661-1135.



## FMU's Center of Excellence wins national award



*James Ellerbe gives presentation.*

The Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty won a 2009 Partnership Organization Award from the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) at Johns Hopkins University. The COE was recognized for making excellent progress in guiding districts and schools to develop comprehensive programs of school, family, and community partnerships.

The COE, a member of NNPS, provided detailed descriptions of specific strategies to help districts and schools improve their plans and programs of family and community involvement to support school improvement goals. Essential elements include teamwork, leadership, goal-linked plans for action, implementation, facilitation, evaluation, and network connections.

"The Center of Excellence is demonstrating that research-based approaches can be used to increase goal-linked family and community involvement to contribute to student success in school," said Joyce L. Epstein, director of NNPS.

The center assists districts and schools in various ways. Those include training teachers in the conduct and use of research to increase their ability to make data-based decisions, linking research directly with professional

development, and helping teachers understand parents who live in poverty and the community resources that are available to them.

The COE will continue working with districts and schools to help them strengthen their programs, said Tammy Pawloski, director of the COE.

"It is no surprise that the center earned this honor that recognizes our activities which are designed to support local districts in their efforts to build and sustain family and community partnerships," said Pawloski. "Under the leadership of Markey Bee, associate director, this segment of center services continues to grow."

This is the second year the center has earned this recognition, and according to Pawloski, it is due in large part to the work of Bee.

"We are so honored to receive this award," said Bee. "Our focus has always been on the development of effective, goal-oriented partnership practices leading to excellence in the teaching of children of poverty. This award confirms our commitment to the needs of this community."

For information about FMU's COE, contact Bee at 843-669-3391. For information on NNPS, visit the National Network of Partnership schools website.

## 30 participate in Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU

Thirty South Carolina residents are participating in the eighth class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University. The 30 participants are from 13 cities and represent 23 different non-profit organizations.

Funded initially with multi-year grants from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, the institute now receives major support from FMU, along with a grant from the PSARAS Foundation.

Topics include leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development; engaging board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU institute. A native of Camden, he is a graduate of the Kershaw County public schools, Duke University, and the Institute for Education Management at Harvard University. He began his professional career as a journalist and publisher and has served in a variety of positions in state government. He is currently a senior fellow at the Institute for Public Service and Policy Research at the University of South Carolina.

For more information about the Non-Profit Leadership Institute, contact Elizabeth C. Bonnoitt, Non-Profit Leadership Institute liaison at 843-661-1199 or visit the NPLI website at [www.fmunonprofit.org](http://www.fmunonprofit.org).

## Non-Profit Leadership Institute & Rural Area Leadership Initiative Alumni Workshop

March 4-5, 2010  
Kingston Plantation  
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**NPLI Alumni Workshop \$145**  
Includes all sessions, meals and lodging

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or by email at [ebonnoitt@fmarion.edu](mailto:ebonnoitt@fmarion.edu)

# Save the Date!



## Alumni Association names five new members to board

The Francis Marion University Alumni Association has named five new members to its Alumni Board of Directors.

New members, all of Florence, are Darrell Conner, Mari Kaye Haney, Matthew Reich, William R. Turner and Richard Warrin.

- Conner is a resource teacher at West Florence High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from FMU in history in 1975 and a master's in 2006.
- Haney is the general manager for Adams Outdoor Advertising. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1995 in management from the university.
- Reich is the information technology director for Pinnacle Network Solutions. He earned a bachelor's degree from FMU in 2007 in management information systems.
- Turner is a sales representative for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He earned a bachelor's degree from the university in 2000 in mass communication.
- Warrin is an accounts receivable analyst coordinator for Carolina's Hospital Systems Inc. He earned a bachelor's degree from FMU in 2002 in general business and an MBA in 2005.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome our five new directors to the board. Each of them brings unique experiences, knowledge and talents to the university," said Julian Young, FMU's director of alumni affairs. "We appreciate the significant commitment that Darrell, Mari Kaye, Matthew, William and Richard are making to serve and look forward to working closely with them in the years to come."

The board's new officers are: Paul Seward, vice president of commercial lending at BB&T (president); James Harrell, division vice president and general manager of Sonoco's North American Paper Division (vice president); LaTasha Brand, assistant dean of students at FMU (secretary).

The purpose of the FMU Alumni Association is to generate and channel support, financial and otherwise, to the university from alumni through a variety of activities, correspondence and publications. The association serves as a liaison among graduates, the Alumni Office and the university community.

For more information about the FMU Alumni Association, contact Young at 843-661-1228 or [jyoung@fmarion.edu](mailto:jyoung@fmarion.edu).

## Join the Francis Marion University Alumni Association Online

### Benefits of Membership

- Free use of Rogers Library (with check-out privileges) and Academic Computer Center
- Use of the University Center facilities - racquetball courts, physical fitness room, indoor and outdoor swimming pools (an additional \$10 fee is paid to the University Center for basketroom use and \$15 fee paid to Cashier's Office for a family membership)
- 10 percent discount at the Patriot Bookstore (excluding textbooks)
- Two free sessions of Career Counseling in the Career Development Office
- Admission to "Members Only" events
- Privileges at the BB&T/Amelia Wallace Faculty/Alumni House, The Cottage
- Subscription to the View, the FMU alumni magazine
- Periodic email updates on university and alumni news
- Your name listed in the Roll Call of Members to be published in the Fall 2010 View magazine

**Join online now at <http://www.fmarion.edu/alumni> and click the *Join Online Now* link or send your check to Francis Marion University Foundation, P.O. Box 100547, Florence, S.C. 29502**

### Membership Categories

\$15 first year after graduation membership	\$30 annual membership
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\$600 couple lifetime membership	

## Moore, Voss receive alumni awards from FMU Biology Department

Robert W. Moore, orthopedic surgeon and owner of Hand Surgery Associates, and Stephen Randal Voss, associate professor in the Department of Biology in the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences, have been honored by the Francis Marion University Department of Biology with outstanding alumni awards.

Moore received the John S. Boyce Award, while Voss was presented the Lawrence Swails Award. These distinguished alumni awards, named after the Biology Department's first two chairpersons, were presented during a reception on the FMU campus. This is the fourth year the Biology Department has held this recognition of outstanding graduates of the biology program.

A Cheraw native, Moore began his studies at Baptist College in Charleston, now Charleston Southern, and transferred to FMU after one year to study biology and play basketball. He graduated magna cum laude from Francis Marion in 1980 with a B.S. degree in biology and later earned his M.D. degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. After graduating from medical school, Moore completed his residency in Memphis, Tenn., and soon after landed a fellowship in hand surgery with the University of Virginia. Moore received his first job at Pee Dee Orthopaedic in Florence where he remained for 14 years. He has since opened his own practice, Hand Surgery Associates.

In addition to practicing in Florence, Moore has taken his orthopedic surgery skills to several underdeveloped countries where medical treatment is scarce. He hasn't limited exposure to this experience to himself either. He and his wife, Betsey, who is also a graduate of FMU, lived in South Korea for two years and served as missionaries. They have two children, Meg and Hunter.

Moore was also an accomplished athlete at FMU. He lettered in basketball for three years (1977-1980). In only those three seasons, the 6'5" forward scored 1,330 points and grabbed 613 rebounds. He was twice named the NAIA District Six "Player of the Year" (1979 and 1980) and was selected to the NAIA second-team All-America squad following his senior campaign. Moore still owns the Patriot single-season records for most points, rebounds, free throws, and games scoring in double figures. He was selected to the District Six All-Academic Team all three years, was named to the 1980 first-team All-State squad, and helped lead the Patriots to a 62-27 overall record and three straight district playoff appearances. Following his career, Moore was named to the FMC All-Decade Team for the 1970s and the District Six 15th Anniversary Team, which was announced in 1983.



From left: Voss and Moore at award ceremony

Voss is an associate professor in the Department of Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Kentucky. He earned his doctorate from Clemson University in 1994. Voss is also the director of the Ambystoma Genetic Stock Center and Research Resources, as well as a faculty associate of the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology at FMU in 1986. In 1988, Voss earned a Master of Science degree in biology from Western Carolina University in North Carolina. It was at Clemson University that he received the Ph.D. in zoology.

To fund his research, Voss secured in excess of \$10 million in grants over the years. He and a research group comprised of professors from Tulane, the University of Kentucky and the University of California at Irvine were recently awarded \$6.25 million in new research support from the U.S. Department of Defense, to determine if human limb regeneration might be possible.

The North Carolina native and his wife, Maynie, have three children: Stephen, Brinna and Emma. Voss and his three sisters, Robin Voss, Kelly Voss, and Susan Spearman, are all graduates of FMU.



## Award winning grads

Francis Marion University economics graduates and faculty have been very successful winning awards from the Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE). Jody Lipford, an FMU alum ('84), won the 2008 John Templeton Prize for the best paper published in the *Journal of Private Enterprise* which was presented at the annual APEE conference. The Templeton Prize of \$1,100 and a commemorative plaque was awarded to Lipford for his paper, "Short Run Macroeconomic Performance and Economic Freedom: Can Economic Growth Rates Be Higher and More Stable" at April's convention. Lipford is the chair of the Department of Economics and Business Administration and a professor of economics at Presbyterian College.

Russell Sobel, an FMU alum ('90), won the Templeton award in 2005 for the article he co-authored with Tomi Ovaska "Entrepreneurship in Post-Socialist Economies." Sobel is professor of economics and holder of the James Clark Coffman Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies at West Virginia University. Professor Emeritus James Rinehart and Professor of



Lipford on left receives award.



Sobel

Economics Jeffrey

Pompe, won the same APEE award in 1997 for their paper titled "Private Enterprise and Environmental Amenities: The Case of Coastal Beaches."

FMU is proud to have such outstanding faculty and graduates from its economics and business program. Few institutions can boast this kind of achievement. The APEE invites submissions to the competition for the John Templeton Prize for the best paper published in the *Journal of Private Enterprise* each year. In 20 years the *Journal of Private Enterprise* has developed a rich mix of contributors ranging from Nobel Prize winners to promising younger scholars, spanning the full range of areas where private enterprise applies, including economics, entrepreneurship, public policy, history, religion, and philosophy. The APEE was created by educators and business people committed to furthering economic understanding.

## Former Patriot golfer earns European Tour card

Francis Marion University graduate and former Patriot golfer Fredrik Ohlsson shot a final-round 6-under-par 66 to finish sixth at the PGA European Tour Qualifying School – Final Stage – and earned his tour card for 2010.

The final stage consisted of six rounds, held Nov. 28-Dec. 3, at the PGA Catalunya Resort in Girona, Spain.

The top 30 finishers in this final stage earned their playing cards. Ohlsson fired the third lowest score on the final day and finished the six-day event with a 16-under-par 412 tally, only four strokes behind the winner, Simon Khan of England. Ohlsson began the final day tied for 15th position, and his final round included five birdies and one eagle.

Ohlsson is the first Francis Marion golfer to have a PGA or European Tour card. His first tour event will be the Alfred Dunhill Championship, Dec. 10-13, in Mpumalanga, South Africa.

To advance to the final stage of qualifying, Ohlsson won a second stage event at the Costa Ballena Ocean Golf Club. He fired a four-round score of 14-under-par 274 to beat out a field of 76 hopefuls.

Ohlsson, 30, has been a player on the Challenge Tour, which is Europe's equivalent to the Nationwide Tour in the United States. He placed 59th at the ECCO Tour Championship event in October and currently stands 1015th in the world rankings.

He had two top-10 finishes on the Challenge Tour in 2008 and finished 2007 ranked 128th on the Challenge Tour. This was his sixth year attending the PGA European Qualifying School.

A native of Gothenburg, Sweden, Ohlsson was a three-time All-American at Francis Marion, including first-team honors in



Ohlsson

2003 when he helped lead the Patriots to the NCAA Division II national championship. He earned the B.B.A. degree in marketing in 2004.

He also was named to the Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars Team for his work in the classroom following the 2003 and 2004 seasons.

As a senior, he compiled a 73.26 stroke average and posted eight top-10 finishes.

Ohlsson did not miss a tournament after his Patriot debut in March 2001, and recorded a career stroke average of 73.56. He owns the FMU single-season record for lowest average, 72.3 in 2002-03, and shot what is believed to be the lowest round in the program's history, a 64 in the opening round of the 2002 NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Tournament.

What a great day for Fredrik!" said FMU

Golf Coach Mark Gaynor. "I had the privilege to coach Fredrik during his senior year at FMU. He played his first three seasons under the tutelage of coaches Jonathan Burnett and Dr. Jim Von Frank.

"I spoke with Fredrik on the phone and he wanted to thank everyone in the Florence community and Francis Marion University for all their support over the years. He was very excited and I could tell that it had not yet sunk in that he is a European Tour player.

"We are very proud of him. It is great to see him reach one of his goals. It is the reality of golf – you play well enough – you can achieve anything. We look forward to following his success this year on tour and hope it will be the first of many."



## Men's Soccer

Francis Marion concluded its 2009 season with an 11-5-3 record. Three Patriots earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors (MF - Kyle Clinton, D - Ivan Juric, F - Juan Rivas), and seven times during the regular season, Patriots earned PBC "player of the week" awards.



## Women's Soccer

The Patriot women's soccer team ended their 2009 campaign with a 3-12-1 mark under first-year Head Coach Joel Person. Three of the team's losses were by one goal. Senior defender/goalkeeper Emily Brandenburg was named to the first-team ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District III Team (an 11-player squad that included seven players from ACC schools).



## Women's Volleyball

The Patriots ended their 2009 campaign with an 11-20 mark. Senior setter Jess O'Leary concluded her four-year career with 1,528 assists and 824 digs.

## Men's Cross Country

FMU placed seventh at the 2009 Peach Belt Conference Championships presented by GEICO. The men's team then went on to finish 22nd at the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Championship Meets in Wingate, N.C. Senior Hillary Kiprop led the Patriots in every race this season, including four top-10 finishes.

## Women's Cross Country

The Patriot women placed 10th at the 2009 Peach Belt Conference Championships presented by GEICO. The squad then went on to finish 23rd at the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Championship Meets in Wingate, N.C. Senior Amanda Doyle was the top Patriot finisher in every race in 2009.

## Tennis

The Francis Marion women's tennis doubles team of Tereza Sykorova and Sabina Baberadova and the men's duo of Oshada Wijemanne and Dilshod Sharifi both advanced to their respective

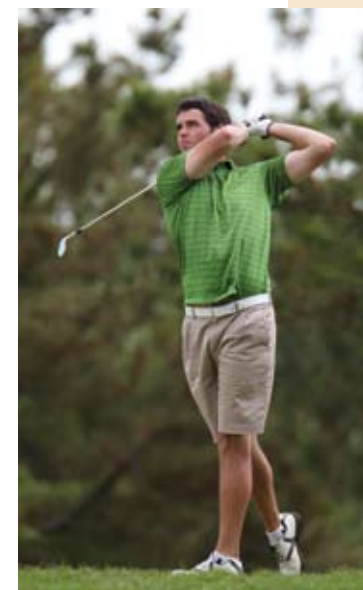
championship matches at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Small College Championships in Mobile, Ala., before being eliminated. In September, the two FMU squads each won their respective A Flight championships at the ITA Southeast Regional Tournament in Sumter, S.C.

## Basketball

The FMU women's and men's basketball teams were tabbed to finish second and sixth in their respective PBC coaches' preseason polls.

## Golf

The FMU golf team concluded its fall schedule with a 26-49 record. The Patriots' best finish was a fifth-place showing at the Davidson College Invitational Tournament.







# Homecoming 2010

## Feb. 18 - 20

### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, February 18

6-7:30 p.m. School of Education Wine and Cheese Reception, The Cottage  
This is a time for all School of Education graduates to celebrate. Join Dean Ron Faulkenberry and share in the presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards.

#### Friday, February 19

8-9:30 a.m. School of Business Leadership Breakfast, Ervin Dining Hall  
School of Business graduates are invited to attend this annual awards breakfast and celebrate the achievements of their fellow alums.

6:30 p.m. Patriots on Fire Bonfire & Pep Rally, Baptist Collegiate Ministry field  
The whole family will enjoy chili and hot dogs and Pep Rally activities around the fire.

7:30-9 p.m. Alumni Reception, The Cottage  
Join alumni for hors d'oeuvres, special desserts, hot and cold beverages. Cash bar will be available.

#### Saturday, February 20

**PatriotFest** - *Free Admission*, Smith University Center

- ❑ Alumni Basketball Games 10:30 a.m. Women • 11:00 a.m. Men
- ❑ 11-2 p.m. Children's Activities *Balloons by Lester • Body Art by Susan*
- ❑ 11:30-1:30 p.m. Family Picnic Lunch provided
- ❑ 1 p.m. Baseball Double Header vs. West Chester
- ❑ 1:30-4:30 p.m. Silent Auction
- ❑ 1:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Augusta State
- ❑ 3:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Augusta State

Hall of Fame inductee Josef Schroeder • Homecoming Court

*Register at Alumni Association table for door prizes!*

Patriot Bookstore offers alumni clothing specials and memorabilia

*To register for all events, call 843-661-1228 or email [jyoung@fmarion.edu](mailto:jyoung@fmarion.edu)*

*[www.fmarion.edu/alumni](http://www.fmarion.edu/alumni)*

## CLASS

### 1972

**Thomas W. Holland** has been named the executive vice president - Director of Mortgage for TSFG in Greenville, S.C.

**Cynthia D. Young '75** has retired after 13 years as principal of Carver Elementary School.

### 1973

Elmore & Wall is pleased to announce that co-founding shareholder **L. Franklin "Frank" Elmore** of the firm's Greenville office has been invited to become a fellow in The American College of Construction Lawyers.

### 1974

Harry and **Sharon Moore Askins '76** now have granddaughters, Olivia and Ella.

### 1975

**Cynthia D. Young '72** has retired after 13 years as principal of Carver Elementary School.

### 1976

Harry and **Sharon Moore Askins '74** now have granddaughters, Olivia and Ella.

**Gary J. Hard** is a member of the Missouri Kansas Real Estate Investors Network.

**Julian M. Young '09** received his M.Ed. from FMU and was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society.

### 1979

**Milinda C. Conyers** was appointed assistant manager for technology by the U.S. Census Bureau and will work in a new 2010 Census office in Florence.

### 1980

**Johnny R. Floyd** has been named Marion County executive to direct the operations of Anderson Brothers Bank's offices in Mullins and in Marion.

**Debra O. Jackson** is a new Florence municipal judge. Jackson was in a private law practice with a focus on

criminal defense. She has practiced in municipal, magistrate, general sessions and Federal district courts.

**Robert W. Moore** won the John S. Boyce Biology award for 2009 at FMU.

### 1981

**A. Donald Evans** has been appointed to a six-year term on the board of The Archives of the Episcopal Church. Evans is the principal of Evans, Rivers, & Co. LLC, a Charleston-based investment real estate firm.

### 1984

**Ray Bridgeman** retired from McLeod Fitness.

**Grady Sass** retired from 23 years of military service (U.S. Navy).

### 1986

**James G. Elliott** is the boys' basketball coach at Summerville High School.

**Allen W. Goff** is the director of International Disaster Assistance for Global Aid Network, the humanitarian aid arm of Campus Crusade for Christ.

**Stephan Randal Voss** won the Lawrence F. Swails Biology award for 2009 at FMU.

### 1993

**Veronica L. Sullivan** is a member of American Red Cross Disaster Services.

**Don W. Wise** married Callie Jean Langley June 6, 2009, in Myrtle Beach.

### 1994

**Eric Gagnon** is the treasurer of GABB. He is the founder and president of We Sell Restaurants and wesellrestaurants.com.

### 1997

**Daniel T. Hill** is assistant director of Kalmia Gardens.

**Julie J. Mahn** was chosen as the new principal of Thornwell School for the Arts in July 1, 2009.

**Erica D. Stevens** attended UNCC and received an M.A. in counseling.

### 1999

**Kari A. Wilcox** is the new varsity and junior varsity cheerleader coach at Hartsville High and also serves as an English teacher.

### 2000

**Ada Harper '02** was named principal at Brunson-Dargan Elementary School in Darlington in July 2009.

### 2001

**Cyndi Lou Jordan** and Rev. William H. McCown III married June 20, 2009.

### 2002

**Angel L. Brown** is employed as a registered nurse at Carolinas Hospital Systems.

**John I. Brown Jr.** and Amelia Beth Askins married August 15, 2009.

### 2003

**Andrew Russel Stout** was elected executive director of the Florence County Museum by the museum's board.

### 2004

**Johnny Ray Willis** received the Professional Psychology Award from FMU in November.

### 2005

**Allen Drew Kirby** and Abbie Lauren Floyd married Aug. 22, 2009.

**Ashlee Driggers** married Brad Kositz on March 14, 2009.

**Rennette Pee** was elected to serve as a trustee for Marion School District 2 in July 2009.

**Shannon Carrie Small, '07** and **Mark Yancy Wells, '07** married November 14, 2009.

### 2006

**Emily A.A. Coté (Arrington)** has been named product sales and marketing manager for Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina.

**Jonathan M. Goode** was sworn in as a member of the S.C. Bar. Goode is an attorney at Moore, Taylor & Thomas, PA in West Columbia.

**Carl Paul Wagner** and **Amanda Nicole Knight, '07** married July 18, 2009.

### 2007

**Christine Elizabeth Judd** and Tyler Christopher Hendrix married July 11, 2009.

**Emilie Claire Le Goff** teaches Marion Intermediate School third and fourth graders French as a part of the Marion School District One World Language and Cultural Diversity Studies program.

**Amanda Nicole Knight** and **Carl Paul Wagner, '06** married July 18, 2009.

**Shannon Carrie Small, '05** and **Mark Yancy Wells** married November 14, 2009.

### 2008

**Angela Dawn Sawyer** and William Shane Bailey married July 11, 2009.

**Mary Kristen Cox** and Lucas Marion Oates married June 20, 2009.

Former FMU outfielder **Justin R. Greene** was promoted from Kannapolis to high Class A Winston-Salem within the Chicago White Sox organization on July 19.

**Trisha Marie Moore** and James Wheeler McCallum Jr. married October 10, 2009.

### 2009

**Ida Cathleen "Cathy" Hutchinson** and Maxie "Dean" Yarborough Jr. married May 30, 2009.

**Mandy Nicole Godwin** and **Robert McKinley Smith** married September 19, 2009.

**John P. Sweeney** serves as the editor and reporter of The Weekly Observer in Hemingway.

**Julian M. Young '76** received his M.Ed. from FMU and was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society.

## What's new with you?

The FMU Alumni Association would like to hear about your latest significant life events. Update your classmates about your marriage, your new job, the birth of your baby or any other life changing occurrences. You can even update your information online by going to [www.fmarion.edu/alumni](http://www.fmarion.edu/alumni) and clicking the link **Submit Alumni Class Notes Here!**

You may also submit a photo by emailing a jpeg to [jyoung@fmarion.edu](mailto:jyoung@fmarion.edu) to include in the next issue of the View magazine. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



# HOME for the HOLIDAYS



## CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

"Twas one month before Christmas and throughout the house are dried-and-gilded foliage and festive garlands. Cherished memories of yuletides feature homespun scenes: baked goods cooling on the kitchen counter, freshly clipped pine boughs perfuming the air, and ornaments fashioned by

hand in the company of family and friends.

This may sound like the beginnings of a fairytale but for the first family of Francis Marion University, the FMU faculty, staff, students and the many citizens of the Pee Dee region, this scenario is very real.

## FAMILY

The first family is looking forward to having their year old twin grandchildren, Max and Chloe, here for the holidays.

"It is truly going to be wonderful having them (grandchildren, son and daughter-in-law) with us over the holidays," said Folly, who recalls her first Christmas after Luke was born. "He was a month and a half old and our house felt more like a home to me. We also had Christmas at my brother and sister-in-law's house with our son Bryan."

As a special treat this year, Carter said he is looking forward to having his 86 year-old mother-in-law join them for the holidays.

## DECORATING

It is early December - when the air is crisp, colors have changed and cozy sweaters have re-emerged into the wardrobe's rotation - that the Carters begin decorating their home. Most of the Garden

Clubs in the Pee Dee area help decorate the house each year. This has become a tradition and it is fun to see the faces of those old and new, said Folly. Each club brings a unique talent and a willingness to work together for the FMU community, she added.

Among the most cherished decorations are the Christmas tree ornaments made by Luke. They've also enjoyed those given by others in the community and throughout the state. The Carter tree boasts ornaments from every governor for the past 23 years, and Hugh and Jean Leatherman have also given the couple an ornament each year.

What has become a tradition is a donation of the tree for the first family of FMU by Taylor Garden & Gift Shop owned by Thomas Taylor ('72). No glitter adorns the tree - just fresh greenery, fruit, berries, pinecones and ribbon.

## FELLOWSHIP

Once the decorations are up, the family hosts parties for faculty and staff, a children's party where children from surrounding shelters and daycare centers are able to visit with Santa as well as those of faculty and staff members, a community party and an Old Timers party for former and current faculty members who have bonded over the years. The entertainment for many of these gatherings is FMU's Cut Time Show Choir.

For dinner at each occasion, you will find turkey, homemade dressing or stuffing, cranberry sauce and much more. On Christmas Day, the family enjoys a fried turkey donated by

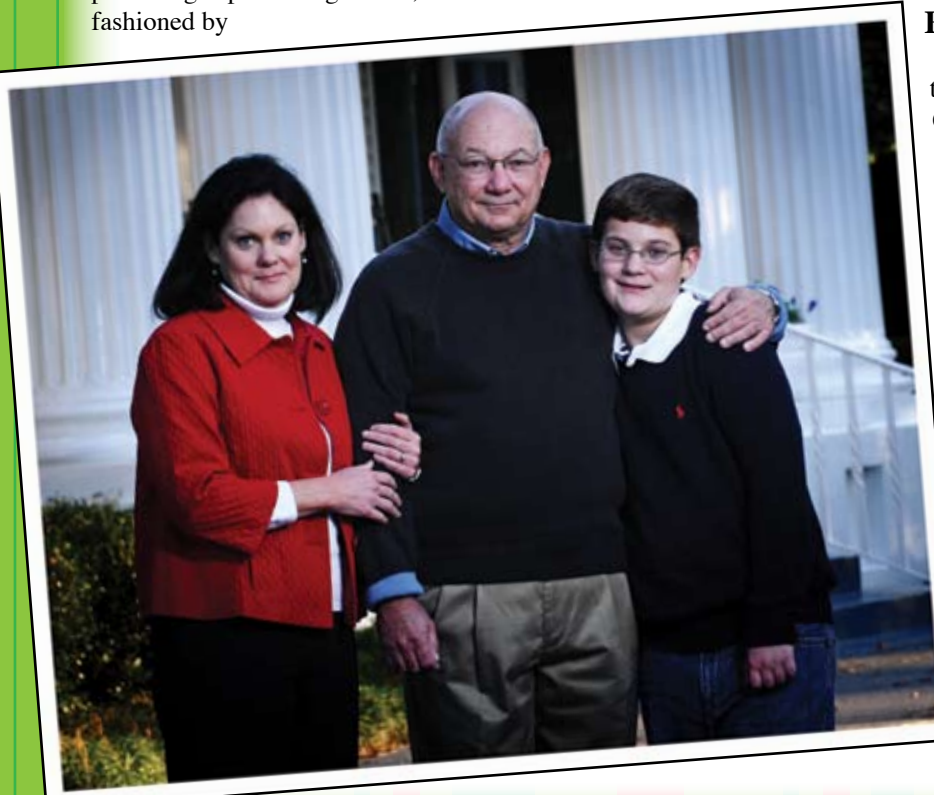
longtime friend and FMU supporter Grady Greer and baked turkey and cranberry sandwiches prepared by Folly.

## GIFT GIVING

When you reach a certain age gift-giving is less about what you receive and more about what you give," said Dr. Carter, who hand delivers bonus checks each year to university faculty and staff. "I doubt that they (employees) enjoy receiving them nearly as much as I enjoy delivering them. It is the one day I get to feel like Santa on the campus."

The Carters also give generously to Lighthouse Ministries and the Salvation Army. Among the family, they keep the exchanging of gifts quite simple, said Folly.

The only item on the family's wish list this year is that everyone will receive their heart's desire for Christmas; not only because they deserve it but because it would help the economy.





## **Willis receives Psychology award**

Johnny R. Willis, senior counselor for Circle Park Behavioral Health Services and part-time psychology instructor at Francis Marion University, was honored by the FMU Department of Psychology with an outstanding alumni award.

Willis received the Professional Psychology Award for 2009-10 at a reception held recently on the FMU campus. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree in clinical psychology from FMU in 2004.

In his current full-time position, he wears many hats. He conducts counseling sessions for individuals, which include screenings, assessments and treatment planning. As a group counselor, he serves as a facilitator of transitional relapse prevention and continuing care of outpatient and adolescent groups for substance abuse and dependence. As a family counselor, he works with family systems and couples to facilitate healing from addiction, relationship issues and other problem behaviors. He also developed a program to offer previously unavailable counseling services to special populations.

## ***Francis Marion University Foundation Chairman's Golf Classic***

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